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## Professional Appointments

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2022 – Present **Research Scientist** at California Institute of Technology/ NASA JPL

Global Environmental Center, Caltech/ NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory,  
Pasadena, CA, USA.

2019 – 2022 **Post-Doctoral Research Scientist** at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Joint Institute for Regional Earth System Science and Engineering, UCLA/  
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA, USA.

2018 – 2019 **Post-Doctoral Research Fellow** at INRAE

Joint Research Unit Functional Ecology & Soil Biochemistry & Agro-Ecosystems, INRAE, Campus SupAgro, Montpellier, France.

## Education

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2013 – 2018 **Philosophy Doctor** in Atmosphere, Oceans and Climate

Department of Meteorology, University of Reading, Reading, UK.  
Project title: “Improving the treatment of vegetation canopy architecture in Land Surface Models”  
Supervisor: Dr. Tristan Quaife; Co-supervisor: Dr. Emily Black

2011 – 2013 **Master of Science** in Atmospheric Sciences

Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil.  
with fieldwork period in the Amazon rainforest, Uatumã Biological Reserve, AM, Brazil.  
Dissertation title: “Evaluation of CO<sub>2</sub>, Sensible and Latent Heat Turbulent Fluxes as Function of Aerosol Optical Depth over the Deforestation Arch in the Legal Brazilian Amazon”  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Márcia Akemi Yamasoe

2007 – 2010 **Bachelor of Science** in Meteorology

Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil.

## **Visiting Scientist**

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Sept, 2019

### **Visiting Scientist at ORNL**

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA.

Apr – Jun, 2015 **Visiting Scientist at ICTP**

The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy.

## **Honours and Awards**

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2014

### **Outstanding M.Sc. Dissertation** – Department of Meteorology

University of São Paulo, Brazil.

## **Grants**

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2020

### **Postdoctoral NASA/ABoVE fellowship** – NASA JPL, USA.

2019

### **Postdoctoral DOE/NASA fellowship** – NASA JPL, USA.

2017

### **Postdoctoral EU H2020 fellowship** – INRAE, France.

2013

### **Ph.D. CAPES fellowship** – University of Reading, United Kingdom.

2011

### **M.Sc. CAPES fellowship** – University of São Paulo, Brazil.

2009

### **Undergraduate CAPES fellowship** – University of São Paulo, Brazil.

2008

### **Undergraduate Santander fellowship** – University of São Paulo, Brazil.

## **Publications**

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Wang, Y., Köhler, P., He, L., Doughty, R., **Braghiere, R. K.**, Wood, J. and Frankenberg, C. (2021). Testing stomatal models at stand level in deciduous angiosperm and evergreen gymnosperm forests using CliMA Land (v0.1), *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 1–35, doi:10.5194/gmd-2021-154

**Braghiere, R. K.**, Fisher, J. B., Fisher, R. A., Shi, M., Steidinger, B. S., Sulman, B. N., Soudzilovskaia, N. A., Yang, X., Liang, J., Peay, K. G., Crowther, T. W. and Phillips, R. P. (2021). Mycorrhizal Distributions Impact Global Patterns of Carbon and Nutrient Cycling, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 48(19), doi:10.1029/2021GL094514

**Braghiere, R. K.**, Wang, Y., Doughty, R., Sousa, D., Magney, T., Widlowski, J.-L., ... et al. (2021). Accounting for canopy structure improves hyperspectral radiative transfer and sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence representations in a new generation Earth System model. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 261, 112497. doi:10.1016/j.rse.2021.112497

**Braghiere, R. K.**, Quaife, T., Black, E., Ryu, Y., Chen, Q., Kauwe, M. G. De, & Baldocchi, D. (2020). Influence of sun zenith angle on canopy clumping and the resulting impacts on photosynthesis. *Agricultural and Forest Meteorology*, 291(May), 108065. doi:10.1016/j.agrformet.2020.10065

**Braghiere, R. K.**, Gérard, F., Evers, J., Pradal, C. and Pages, L., 2020: Simulating the effects of water limitation on plant biomass using a 3D functional-structural plant model of shoot and root driven by soil hydraulics, *Annals of Botany*, doi:10.1093/aob/mcaa059

**Braghiere, R. K.**, Yamasoe, M. A., do Rosário, N. M., da Rocha, H., de Souza Nogueira, J. and de Araújo, A. C., 2020: Characterization of the radiative impact of aerosols on CO<sub>2</sub> and energy fluxes in the Amazon deforestation arch using artificial neural networks, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 20(6), 3439–3458, doi:10.5194/acp-20-3439-2020

**Braghiere, R. K.**, Quaife, T., Black, E., He, L. and Chen, J. M., 2019: Underestimation of Global Photosynthesis in Earth System Models Due to Representation of Vegetation Structure, *Global Biogeochem. Cycles*, 33(11), 1358–1369, doi:10.1029/2018GB006135

Hogan, R. J., Quaife, T., and **Braghiere, R.**, 2018: Fast matrix treatment of 3-D radiative transfer in vegetation canopies: SPARTACUS-Vegetation 1.1, *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 11, 339–350. doi:10.5194/gmd-11-339-2018

**Braghiere, R.K.**, Yamasoe, M.A., 2013.: Evaluation of CO<sub>2</sub> flux modification as a function of aerosol optical depth at Bananal Island, Tocantins, Brazil, in: AIP Conference Proceedings. pp. 552–555. doi:10.1063/1.4804829

*Under review*

**Braghiere, R. K.**, Fisher, J., Allen, K., Brzostek, E., Shi, M., Yang, X., Ricciuto, D. M., ... et al. Modeling global carbon cost of plant nitrogen and phosphorus acquisition. *Under review JAMES*.

**Book chapter** \_\_\_\_\_

Yamasoe, M. A., Rosario, N. E., Costa, T. S., **Braghiere, R. K.**, Leiva, E. A., Zanchi, F. B., Silva, B. L., Morais, J. C., 2015. Medições e Estimativas Numéricas da Irradiância Solar Descendente em Superfície – Estudos de Casos em Humaitá, AM, in: *Ciência das mudanças climáticas e sua interdisciplinaridade* by Ambrizzi, T., Jocobi, P. R., Dutra, L. M. Annablume, São Paulo, p. 282.

**Expert Reviewer** \_\_\_\_\_

IPCC, 2014: Climate Change 2014: Synthesis Report. Contribution of Working Groups I, II and III to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [Core Writing Team, R.K. Pachauri and L.A. Meyer (eds.)]. IPCC, Geneva, Switzerland, 151 pp.

**Languages** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Portuguese** Native speaker
- **English** Advanced
- **Spanish** Advanced
- **French** Intermediate
- **Italian** Basic
- **German** Basic

**Programming skills** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Python** Advanced
- **Fortran** Advanced

- C++ Advanced
- MATLAB Intermediate
- Java Intermediate
- R Intermediate

### Research/Data Experience

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- **Land Surface Models** – e.g., JULES, SiB2, CLM, ELM
- **Satellite data** – e.g., MODIS, GOME-2, OCO-2/3
- **Flux tower data** – e.g., AmeriFlux, ICOS, FLUXNET
- **Earth System Models** – e.g., UKESM, CESM, E3SM, CliMA

### Lecturing Experience

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2017/2018 Monitor, Department of Meteorology, University of Reading.

Internship in module “*Surface Energy Exchange*”.

2<sup>nd</sup> sem. 2012 **Internship** (Program of Teaching Improvement), Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of São Paulo.

Internship in module “*Agrometeorology*”.

1<sup>st</sup> sem. 2012 **Internship** (Program of Teaching Improvement), Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of São Paulo.

Internship in module “*Introduction to the Atmospheric Sciences*”.

2<sup>nd</sup> sem. 2011 **Internship** (Program of Teaching Improvement), Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of São Paulo.

Internship in module “*Meteorology by Satellites*”.

1<sup>st</sup> sem. 2011 **Demonstrator**, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of São Paulo.  
Demonstrator in module “*Physics Meteorology II*”.

2009 - 2010 **Scientific Initiation** in Radiation, Aerosols, Amazon, Plant Productivity under supervision of Prof. Dr. Marcia Akemi Yamaose.

2008 - 2009 **Scientific Initiation** in Atmospheric Chemistry, Tropospheric Ozone under supervision of Dr. Claudia Boian. Fellowship from Santander/SA.

### Synergistic Activities & Professional Development

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Mar, 2020 **CLM/CTSM Workshop**  
NCAR, USA.

Feb, 2019 **CLM/CTSM Tutorial**  
NCAR, USA.

Jun, 2017 **4<sup>th</sup> ICOS Summer School**

Hyytiälä, Finland.

Jun, 2016 **Flux Course 2016**

Boulder, Colorado, USA.

Apr – Jul, 2015 Visiting period at the **International Centre for Theoretical Physics, UN**  
Trieste, Italy.

Oct, 2014 Environment YES NERC Workshop

Syngenta, Bracknell, UK.

Jun, 2014 **INRA Summer School** 2014, Transfer and Interactions between ecosystems  
University of Bordeaux, France.

Apr, 2014 Earth System Science **NERC Spring School** 2014

University of Lancaster, UK.

Oct, 2012 **Workshop** in Hydrological Modelling.

By Texas A&M University, USA, at University of São Paulo.

Oct, 2012 **Workshop** in Chemical Modelling.

By NOAA, USA, at University of São Paulo.

## Presentations

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### 2021

CMIP6 Carbon Cycle Uncertainties in Arctic-Boreal Ecosystems. **ABoVE Science Team Meeting**. Virtual meeting, USA. 11 May

Simulating the effects of water limitation on crop biomass production using a functional-structural plant 3D model of shoot and root driven by soil hydraulics. **Invited Speaker** SupAgro, Virtual INRAE, Montpellier, France. 06 May

Global Carbon Costs of Phosphorus Acquisition: Outcomes from the P-enabled FUN model. **Invited Speaker** NGEE-Tropics, Virtual Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. 19 April

Better representing vegetation canopy structure in Earth System Models. **European Geophysical Union virtual meeting 2021**. 19 April

Climate Change Impacts on Mycorrhizae Amplify Nitrogen Limitation on Global Plant Growth. **CESM Land Model and Biogeochemistry working group virtual meeting**. 25 February

### 2020

Considering the effects of canopy structure on hyperspectral radiative transfer and terrestrial photosynthesis. **American Geophysical Union meeting 2020**. Online Everywhere. 9 December

Better representing vegetation canopy structure in Earth System Models. NASA-JPL, Pasadena, California, USA. **Invited Speaker**. [https://youtu.be/\\_D9g0Nt8LFs](https://youtu.be/_D9g0Nt8LFs) 10 September

Adding different explicit spatial representations of plant symbiotic status in CLM. Boulder, Colorado, USA. **CLM Group Meeting 2020**. 03 March

## **2019**

Considering carbon costs of plant phosphorus acquisition in Earth System Models. **American Geophysical Union meeting 2019**. San Francisco, CA, USA. 9 December

From the atmosphere to the land surface: improving representations of atmosphere-biosphere interactions. NASA-JPL, Pasadena, California, USA. **Invited Speaker**. 11 February

## **2017**

Improving the treatment of vegetation canopy architecture in radiative transfer schemes. Department of Meteorology, University of Reading, UK. **Departmental Seminar**. 27 June

## **2016**

Evaluating radiative transfer schemes treatment of vegetation canopy architecture in land surface models. **European Geophysical Union meeting 2016**. Vienna, Austria. 28 April

## **2015**

Improving Land Surface Model treatment of vegetation canopy architecture. **Quo Vadis**. Department of Meteorology. University of Reading, UK. March

Improving Land Surface Model treatment of vegetation canopy architecture. ICTP, Trieste, Italy. (**Invited**) <http://indico.ictp.it/event/7444/>. 20 March.

## **2014**

The Effects of Canopy Stand Structure on Ecosystem Functioning. University of Lancaster, Lancaster, UK. **Spring School**

## **2012**

Evaluation of CO<sub>2</sub> Flux Modification as Function of Aerosol Optical Depth in the Bananal Island, Tocantins, Brazil. Poster. **International Radiation Symposium**. Berlin, Germany. 10 August

## **2011**

Avaliação da Fração da Radiação Fotossinteticamente Ativa Absorvida pela Floresta Tropical Primária na Amazônia. Poster. **XV Simpósio Brasileiro de Sensoriamento Remoto**. Curitiba, Brazil. 4 May

## **2010**

Evaluation of Photosynthetically Active Radiation Fraction Absorbed by Primary Tropical Forest in the Amazon during the Dry Season of 2007. Poster. **AGU - The Meeting of the Americas**. Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil. 12 August

Avaliação da Fração da Radiação Fotossinteticamente Ativa Absorvida pela Floresta Tropical Primária na Amazônia. Poster. **XV Simpósio de Iniciação Científica do IAG**. Sao Paulo, Brazil

## **2009**

Avaliação da Qualidade do Ar para a Região Metropolitana de Campinas. Poster. 17º Simpósio Internacional de Iniciação Científica da USP. Avaliação da Qualidade do Ar para a Região Metropolitana de Campinas. **XIV Simpósio de Iniciação Científica do IAG**. Sao Paulo, Brazil

## **Professional Services** \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer for: Journal of Geophysical Research: Biogeosciences; Remote Sensing of Environment; Climate Resilience and Sustainability; Water Resources Research; Geoscientific Model Development; Global Change Biology.

Expert reviewer for NASA Carbon Program Panel

## **Public Outreach & Volunteer Experience** \_\_\_\_\_

[“Climate change affects key tree-fungi interactions” – Purdue University](#)

[Amazon Tall Tower Observatory \(ATTO\) project – Blog post about my time in the Amazon](#)

[“3D model of shoot-root-soil hydraulics” – Botany One press release](#)

[Including vegetation structure improves photosynthesis in land surface models](#)

[4th ICOS Summer School](#)

[The impact of vegetation structure on global photosynthesis](#)

Instructor, ‘Alegria de Crescer’ High School, Capivari, Sao Paulo, Brazil September 2016

Taught ‘*Science as a career*’

Instructor, Sao Paulo State University, UNESP-Bauru, Sao Paulo, Brazil September 2016

Taught ‘*PhD: Each is a unique journey*’

## **Memberships & Affiliations** \_\_\_\_\_

European Geophysical Union; American Geophysical Union

## **List of Referees** \_\_\_\_\_

### **1) Individual Referee**

Name: Dr. Christian Frankenberg

Position: Professor of Environmental Science & Engineering

Research scientist, JPL

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### **2) Individual Referee**

Name: Dr. John R. Worden

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### **3) Individual Referee**

Name: Dr. Joshua Fisher

Position: Associate Project Scientist at Chapman and JIFRESSE UCLA

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### **4) Individual Referee**

Name: Dr. Frédéric Gerard

Position: Junior Scientist (CRN)

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### **5) Individual Referee**

Name: Dr. Tristan Quaife

Position: Associate Professor

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### **6) Individual Referee**

Name: Dr. Emily Black

Position: Senior Research Scientist (NCAS-Climate)

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### **7) Individual Referee**

Name: Prof. Dr. Marcia Akemi Yamasoe

Position: Professor Doctor

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